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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: APPROACH TO UK

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 190638; (B) LONDON 13574

1. AFTER PERUSING DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A), WHICH HAD BEEN DELIVERED AS REPORTED IN REFTEL (B), SIMONS IN FCO CALLED US AND SAID THAT POLICY ON THIS MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE FORMULATED BY HOME OFFICE RATHER THAN FCO. HE SAID HE WOULD ENDORSE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL WHEN CONVEYING IT TO HOME OFFICE, AND REFERRED EMBASSY TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY P. L. TAYLOR IN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OF HOME OFFICE, LOCATED IN CROYDON SOUTH OF LONDON.

2. ACCORDINGLY ON AUGUST 17 EMBOFF CALLED ON TAYLOR AND CONVEYED DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO HIM PERSONALLY. TAYLOR EXPLAINED THAT SINCE IT IS MID-AUGUST A NUMBER OF THE RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE HOME OFFICE ARE ON LEAVE AND THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE HOME SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, BUT ALSO WITH THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER IF ANY FUNDS WERE NEEDED. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD TAKE A LITTLE TIME FOR HMG TO FORMULATE ITS ANSWER, AND IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO BY

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AUGUST 18.

3. ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS, HOWEVER, TAYLOR MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE UK IS A COUNTRY OF TRADITIONAL EMIGRATION, NOT TRADITIONAL IMMIGRATION. IT WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING LARGE NUMBERS OF ADDITIONAL IMMIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO DO NOT

ASSIMILATE EASILY IN THE UK. IN THIS RESPECT, EXPERIENCE SO FAR WITH THE VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE SETTLED IN THE UK HAS NOT BEEN ENCOURAGING, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE LANGUAGE BARRIER. FINALLY, HE SAID, THE UK IS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM THOSE SEEKING TO IMMIGRATE INTO THE UK WHO ALREADY HAVE A CONNECTION WITH THE UK THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH, AND WHO EXPECT NOT TO BE "PUSHED OUT OF THE QUEUE". HE REFERRED AS AN EXAMPLE THE INDIANS AND PAKISTANIS WHO FEEL THEY MAY BE PUSHED OUT OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. TAYLOR IS JOINING SIMONS IN RECEIVING CONGRESSMAN EILBERG AT THE FCO ON AUGUST 19, AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER AT THAT TIME; HOWEVER, IT WOULD STILL PROBABLY BE TOO SOON TO EXPECT A FORMAL UK POSITION.

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